

New York April 4. 1836

To Messrs Fuller & Rogers

Dear Brethren

To the invitation, of the Free Church to become its Pastor, received through you, I am constrained, after I trust a candid consideration of the question of duty in the case, to return a negative. It seems to me that duty calls me to New York rather than to Boston. And after saying this, I suppose it needless for me to assign the reasons which have led me to this decision. Whether I am right in my decision time only can show. In the mean time, with the most sincere desires for your ^{spiritual} prosperity as individuals & a church, & with fervent prayer that you will utterly cleave from man & lean only on God & God's truth for success in your enterprise, I remain

Yours sincerely

Amos A. Phelps.

Reply to Invitation of the
Free Church in Boston
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